

Direct Questions

They could be either Yes/ No questions or information questions using question words such as:

Where, when, what, why, how much, how many, how often, how long, which, etc.

Examples:

-I go to the gym three times a week.

How often do you go to the gym?

-This is Ahmad's car.

Whose car is this?

-Running and dieting make you fit.

What makes you fit? (asking about the subject without any helping verb)

-Martha and James like shopping.

Who likes shopping?

Indirect Questions

An indirect question is a question that appears as part of another question or statement.

A question in a question: Do you know *why the store is closed*?

A question in a statement: It ends with a period and not a question mark.

Example: I don't know *why the store is closed*.

Here are some rules for forming these kinds of questions.

RULE ONE: If the direct question is a YES/NO question use 'if' or 'whether'.

Example: Does he have a college degree?

Do you know *if he has a college degree*?

Does she remember *if he has a college degree*?

I wonder *if he has a college degree*.

I don't remember *if he has a college degree*.

RULE TWO: Use statement word order and omit do/does/did.

Example: Why did he leave?

Do you know *why he left*?

Does she remember *why he left*?

I wonder *why he left*.

I don't remember *why he left*.